

MINUTES  
PARK COMMISSION  
MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

The Park Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at their office located at 45 Meadow Lane, Brockton, MA. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Harold Marrow. Present were Commissioners Billy Anderson, Chickie Studenski, Bill Keane, Chris Connolly and Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter.

Present: David Monahan, Peter and James MacDonald of Brockton, MA.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Connolly to accept the minutes of the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried.***

A discussion was held for the donation of a memorial bench from David Monahan in memory of Dick Fanizi. Mr. Monahan wanted permission to raise funds for this memorial bench which would be placed on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tee. The purchase and installation of the bench would be the responsibility of Mr. Monahan.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Connolly to give Mr. Monahan permission to raise funds for the memorial bench which would be forwarded to City Council for their approval of such donation. Motion carried.***

Superintendent Carpenter reported that youth league permitting is in process, but due to severe weather conditions, he feels that the fields will not be available until mid to late April. He discussed the "Michael Von George" plaque for Walker's Playground; but would like to invite Norman Zaleski and Councilor Moynihan to the next scheduled Park Commission Meeting for their proposal of naming the field after Mr. Von George.

Superintendent Carpenter reported on the current conditions of D.W. Field Golf Course. Due to the severe weather conditions, there is 1 ½ to 2 ½ feet of snow on the greens and between 1 ½ to 2 ½ inches of ice in parts of the greens. He is forecasting that the Golf Course may not be ready until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April at the earliest. There is still large snow piles in the parking lot that the DPW need to remove and pot holes fixed from their trucks. He had contacted several nearby courses and was told that they have not cleared their greens. All the winter work has been completed from repairing all golf carts, sharpening and repairing equipment. The roofs of the cart barn has not sustained damaged due to the heavy snow.

A discussion was held about the submitted FY16 Park Budget. Superintendent Carpenter told the Park Commission that he submitted the budget with approximately \$350,000 of Equipment and Vehicle Capitals; increase certain line items to a minimum of FY14 levels; additional funding for the care and custody of City Hall Plaza, Finnegan Park, Salisbury Plain Park; Ralsco Park and Mulberry Street Playground. He requested a large increase in the Water/Sewer Charge line items for additional irrigation in the fore-mentioned parks and the James Edgar Splash Pad which was not included in the FY15 Budget. He requested full-time and temporary seasonal employees to help with the Golf Course. Also submitted was three Project Capitals that will span approximately three years. These were Bunker Repairs, Cart Path Repairs and a pilot program for Keith Park Solar Lights. A request was made from the CFO to recommend a 10% cut from the FY15 Budget. Superintendent Carpenter stated that if a cut is necessary, he proposes to shut down the Manning and Cosgrove Pools and the newly built James Edgar Splash Pad in lieu of not laying off any employees. The Park Commission was in agreement of this proposal.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Keane and seconded by Commissioner Studenski to adjourn the meeting at 8:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy W. Carpenter  
Superintendent of Parks